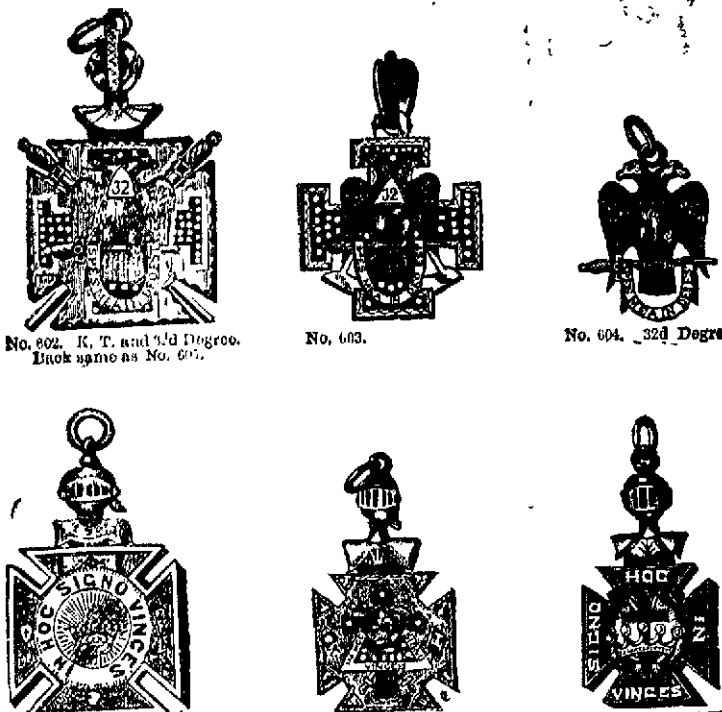


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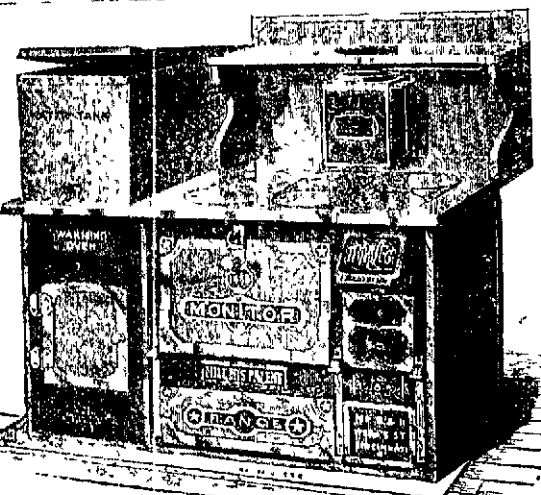
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MONDAY EVE. MARCH 19, 1888.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
We are authorized to announce HARVEY M. HANNAH as a candidate for the office of Collector, subject to the action of the Republican convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

"GEROLIUM."
No school this week.

The A. Wait auction sale of fine residence lots will occur on Thursday next.

Druck hunting popular just now with local Nimrod. All have the fever.

ROLAND REED in "The Woman Hater" Wednesday night.

62 ABOVE zero and warm and balmy this morning. Rain came later.

STAR COURSE CONCERT Friday night at Music Hall.

524 PERSONS attended the Sunday school at the First Methodist church yesterday.

The net proceeds of the Rev. McIntyre lecture at the Methodist church were \$71.35.

"Ask your grocer for Gerolium." at the auction sale of the Wait residence lots will begin at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

EXTRA low prices on table linens and napkins at St. Austin's, south room Gallagher Block.

"Ask your grocer for Gerolium." at the North Side Literary Society will meet on Wednesday evening, March 20, at the residence of Mrs. R. G. Wells, 141 West Eldorado street.

A FULL line of fine gold and rolled plate jewelry of all kinds at the new Cheap John store, 341 N. Water street.

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"GEROLIUM."
THERE was a gay ball at Guard's Armory Saturday night, given by the Johnson Brothers.

THERE were yesterday at the First M. E. Sunday school 524 persons, 163 of whom were little folks; the penny collection amounted to \$7.30.

You can save money every time by investing your cash in the musical instruments sold at C. B. Prescott. See those superb Haines Bros. pianos.

STAR COURSE CONCERT Friday night at Music Hall.

REGULAR meeting of the city council this evening. The special committee will report the action of the county board in reference to the public park question.

HEAR the Goodman Band concert tomorrow night. The object and program merit a crowded house.

"The earliest fruits and choicest vegetables can always be found at J. Lytle & Co.'s grocery store in Opera block.

THE people are all impatient to have a look at the interior of the new Baptist church.

THE Moore Bros. grocery store in Opera block is the popular place to sell table supplies.

SEND in orders by telephone to W. H. Shorb for good coal, stock feed, chicken feed and wood.

BEY family groceries, fresh meats, vegetables, lake fish and fruits at George Ruebsamen's store.

THE Republican township chairman will meet in Decatur tomorrow at 1 p. m., to fix the date of the convention. It will be held early in April.

THE auctioneer at the A. Wait sale of residence lots Thursday afternoon will be Thos. A. Pritchett.

A FEAST of comic opera Friday and Saturday with the MacCollin troupe before the footlights.

SERVICES will be held by the W. C. T. U. at their rooms, 255 N. Main street, every afternoon this week, it being the week of prayer.

SELECT California fruits, jams, jellies, reliable potatoes and groceries at Hanks & Patterson's store, 143 S. Water street.

THE prices for the Goodman Band concert Tuesday night will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. It will be a fine musical treat.

HEAR it. Hanks has forty empty houses. Last summer's drought drove many people from the city and practically closed her manufacturing industries. To avoid further loss of business they now propose to spend \$48,000 for water works.

THE celebrated White Foam and Domestic flour will please, you made by Hatfield & Co.

A NEW feature of the Jersey county fair this year will be the marriage of a Jersey county couple on Thursday and a Madison county couple on Friday, both to take place at the fair grounds. Both couples have been promised a housekeeping outfit.

TELEPHONE to Niedermeyer for family groceries, delivered to any part of the city.

THE annual election of officers of the Decatur Greenwood Cemetery Association resulted in the choice of the old officials—John R. Miller, president; R. R. Montgomery, secretary and treasurer; W. B. Chambers, L. Burrows and C. A. Ewing, directors.

The Mongoose.

James Mongoose, who killed Adam Speer, was taken from the Decatur jail to Monticello last Wednesday, and is now in the prison in that place. William Murphy, of Sangamon township, Piatt county, has been a threatening letter warning him to leave the county and charging him with complicity in the murder of Speer. There are quite a number of hot-heads in Piatt. Mongoose thinks there is no danger.

Quickly Settled.

At Chicago Saturday afternoon there was an incident strike of switchmen at the Illinois Central freight yards. A crew went to the stock yards last five cars because the engine could not pull them. When they returned the man in charge of the crew was discharged by the foreman of the yards for leaving the man in charge of the train. The man was reinstated, which was granted. It must have been some hours before the trouble was settled, because Charles Matheny, who had goods to come from Chicago, got a telegram that afternoon that the Central road would not receive perishable goods owing to the strike, and Charles's purchase was transferred to the Wabash for shipment.

District Call.

The Republican voters of the Eleventh District—that portion of the city lying between the Wabash road and William street, and between Water street and Monroe street—are requested to meet this (Monday) evening, at 8 o'clock, at the office of County Treasurer Steele, for the purpose of perfecting an organization and the election of a chairman for the district.

Many Republicans.

THE strike on the Santa Fe road was declared off Sunday night. The disagreement will be adjusted at Chicago today.

Sales of Real Estate.

D. C. Corley to Marjette S. Cronwell lot 10, block 1, Durfee, Warren & Co.'s addition, \$425.

George W. Proctor to Oliver Horbert, 80 acres in 15, 14, 1, \$4,800.

Columbus Jones to George W. Davidson, tract of land in 23, 10, 2, \$600.

H. A. Wood to A. H. Beck, 11 feet off north side lot 12 and 29 feet off south side lot 9, Mills & Packard's addition, \$200.

W. W. Jones has written Charles Lantz about furnishing accommodations for the delegates to the State Union Labor Party convention to be held in Decatur on April 26th.

Criminal Cases.

John McCann was placed under arrest today for flourishing a razor at Zack Malhorn in front of 600 East Eldorado street Saturday night. Zack made an effort to drive John from the place when the tramp pulled the razor. Officer Butts caught the tramp and lodged him in the station house. Trial to-morrow afternoon before Curtis.

John Miller will not have his trial before Curtis on the burglary and larceny charge until next Wednesday.

This afternoon John Murphy is to have his hearing in Justice Curtis' court for assaulting Mrs. Palmer.

DECATUR people owe Goodman's Band substantial recognition. Everybody should patronize the concert to-morrow night. Prices 15, 25 and 35 cents.

AUSTIN's big drive overall is a "hummer." See it. South room Gallagher Block.

THE completed flash-light picture of the telephone exchange young ladies, Manager Hatch and the line men, taken by Fred H. Henshaw, has been delivered. It was taken in the dark by the instantaneous process. Every figure is plainly shown.

SEE Lytle & Eckels when you want anything in the hardware line—a complete assortment of stoves and utensils.

"The Woman Hater."

ROLAND REED will make his bow before a large audience at the opera house Wednesday night, in the clean comedy, "The Woman Hater," of which the Grand Rapids Leader said:

"ROLAND REED was not quite born upon the stage, but he was born in it and has filled nearly every other position around a theater since that time, from usher and door-keeper to that of a star comedian, which he now occupies. Mr. Reed appeared last night at Powers' in 'The Woman Hater,' which was seen for the first time in this city. When he appeared, he was laughing continually from first to last, there is nothing to be said of the performance. The people who pay their money are satisfied with the returns and that is all there is to the 'Woman Hater' problem. As 'Samuel Bundy,' a retired coffee merchant with a vivid imagination, who becomes unpleasantly mixed up through his premises with many several different women, Mr. Reed was given an abundant opportunity to display his drollery. His humor is of the high-toned, clean order, with nothing offensive about it."

PREPARE to enjoy life by investing in the low-priced carriages and buggies sold by D. F. Hamsher on Wood street.

I. D. & S. B. Sunday Trains.

Until further notice round trip tickets at one fare will be sold at all stations where trains are scheduled to stop; good going on trains 3 and 4, leaving Indianapolis and Decatur Sunday nights, and returning on 2 and 3 Sundays. Returning—good on any train Sundays, including trains 3 and 4 leaving Indianapolis and Decatur Sunday nights, but will not be good on trains that begin their trips after 12 midnight Sundays.

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"Gerolium."

Just Received from New York. A large invoice of Lace and Embroidered Caps and lace Trim O'Shauness Caps at Mrs. C. Emerson's, 110 N. Water St.

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GLASSES and tinware can be bought 30 per cent less at Cheas John's store than any other place in this city. Don't forget the place—first door north of Young Bros. & Maria's grocery—N. Water street.

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You have a standing invitation to buy family groceries and fruits at Knodt & Osborn's popular store.

Big bargains in handkerchiefs at S. Austin's, south room Gallagher Block.

See Sorgen & Son, 249, North Main street, for Furnaces, Roofing and Galvanized Cornices.

\$10,000 worth of Clothing at half price at Austin's, South room Gallagher Block.

19d-w

An Elegant Line of Millinery.

We are now displaying a large assortment of Spring and Summer Millinery Goods of the very latest designs, which you are respectfully invited to examine.

Mrs. K. Emerson, 110 N. Water St.

16-31w

CHEAS JOHN can and will save you money on anything you buy of him.

16-31w

Sunday Death of Hon. V. S. Ruby.

Sunday last Hon. Virgil S. Ruby, of Bement, a politician and Mason well known in Decatur, died suddenly at his home, two blocks from his residence. About 7 o'clock he left his residence, going down the street, and was then in his usual health. He was seen as late as 9 o'clock on the street, in the business part of town. Not returning home at an early hour, as was his habit, his family became uneasy about him, and inquiry and search were at once made; he was found dead. No marks of violence were on his person. The decision of the coroner's jury and the result of the post mortem examination were that Mr. Ruby died of hemorrhage of the brain and blood-clot. No definite time has been set for the funeral, which will not take place before the arrival of his brother, Dr. V. S. Ruby, of Riverside, Cal. Members of the last legislature will be represented at the funeral, which will be conducted by the Masons and Knights Templar, of which he was a member.

The deceased was born near Vincennes, Ind., and was in the 54th year of his age. He was a representative citizen of Piatt county, in good circumstances, and was an earnest and active Republican. He represented his county in the Thirty-third, thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth general assemblies, and was especially conspicuous for his services in the last assembly, being the author of several important measures, among the same being an act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors outside the limits of cities, towns and villages. Mr. Ruby was a candidate for the office of governor in the party for the same office, having the first of last week announced his canvass. His services in the campaign will be missed.

Talmage.

W. E. Mann is in receipt of the following telegram:

CHICAGO, March 19.—Impossible to give new date for Talmage until we see him next Sunday.

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Music Hall will be in fine shape Friday night for the Star Course Concert.

Plenty of room for all.

THIS is ladies' week at the opera house—a fine class of entertainments that will please them all. Don't stay at home, but tell your husband you want to go, and if you are single, and "your feller" wants to be in style he will be sure to buy double tickets for Reed, Natural Gas and the MacCollin opera.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. L. Ferriss, of Chicago, is in the city. Fred Norman is reported considerably better to-day.

Phoebe Howard was in the city a few hours on Sunday.

E. G. Tucker and grand-daughter, Blanche, of Noblesburg, of Springfield, are in the city.

David Hamsher is yet quite ill. There is no apparent improvement in his condition.

Read Spencer went to Oakley yesterday to visit his father who is in the 82d year of his age.

D. A. Maft and family spent Sunday visiting at Eldorado, O., and will reach home in a day or two.

N. Hagerman, formerly a merchant of this city, favors us with the boom edition of the Mitchell, Dakota, Mirror.

Mrs. Christina Krentel left this afternoon for New Orleans to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Heinrich.

Ben. W. Dillehunt will travel for the Home Comfort Range Co. of St. Louis. Model range may be seen at Lytle & Eckels' store.

Mrs. Chas. Joy, of Jacksonville, sister-in-law of James F. Joy, of Detroit, Mich., is in the city visiting her niece, Mrs. O. Z. Greene.

The family of Hon. Hugh Crea have received a telegram from Mr. Crea stating that he will arrive in Decatur from New York next Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldberg, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, have been in the city several days, guests of M. Holburn and family. Mr. M. may locate in Decatur.

J. A. Meriwether, paying teller at the National bank, went to Merced, Cal., this morning on a duck hunting expedition. He may be absent two weeks.

Hon. Jason Rogers departed for Springfield this morning to attend a meeting of the state board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

Mrs. Almada Taft, residing at Sodorus, has a canary bird that sings in its sleep. Recently its owner of the bird was so loud that it roused the entire household. The singing becomes more vigorous as the canary grows older.

F. B. Mueller and Charles Shilling will leave for Chicago on Friday to assist the officers of the Inter-State League in perfecting the schedule of ball games and getting everything in readiness for the umpire's cry, "play ball!"

Springfield News: Phil Bury, an insurance agent of Decatur, and Frank Blakely, chief engineer of the Shelby harbor mill, of the same place, and John Wetz and H. H. Hull, of Chicago, came to Springfield this morning and will leave for Beardstown to-night. They will be joined by H. H. Goun, of Beardstown.

D. W. Rider, chief clerk for Receiver McNulta, of the Wabash, came down from Chicago Sunday and spent the day pleasantly among his many Decatur friends. He was a guest of Dr. W. B. Hostetler while here. Mrs. Rider and her bright boy, David, Jr., will remain in the city several days, to enjoy the comforts of suburban life.

It was arranged on Sunday at Chicago that Billy Myers and Jack McAnult will fight to a finish between June 20 and 25, with skin gloves, for \$7,000 and the gate receipts. Each man will fight at 185 pounds.

"Natural Gas."

At last Decatur amusement patrons are to have an opportunity to enjoy the great comedy success, "Natural Gas," a musical farce play that is pronounced the funniest piece now on the stage. In the play Kitty Malone, an Irish domestic, falls heir to a farm with a natural gas well in Ohio, worth several millions; she tries to play the refined lady, using Latin and French quotations always in the wrong place and with the richest of Irish brogues. Miss Amy Ames sustained this part well. Whirlie O'Rourke, the Irish policeman, Eddie Guard, Christopher Bluff, H. V. Donnelly, Nois E. Howell, and John D. Gilbert are characters around which the major part of the fun centers. There are 17 people in the company. The comedy will be presented at the opera house Thursday night.

Star Concert—3rd Entertainment.

Home Talent Concert at Music Hall, Friday Evening, March 23d. Tickets at Saxton's. Admission, 25 and 35 cts.

17-33

The First Out.

The annual township election will occur on April 3d. Mr. Harvey Mahannah, the present incumbent, is a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector, a position he has filled with general acceptability. He submits his name subject to the action of the Republican nominating convention. He has a wide acquaintance, and it is nominated will be triumphantly elected. He has heretofore displayed his enviable qualities as a runner. His announcement appears in another column.

The Opera Festival.

Decatur owes her thanks to Manager Haines for his enterprise in securing the celebrated MacCollin Opera company for two nights and a matinee of popular comic opera this week. The troupe numbers 35 people, specialists in bright costumes and extra scenery. "The Merry War" will be given Friday night, "The Beggar Student" at the matinee Saturday afternoon and "The Musketeers" Saturday night. The company is evenly balanced and includes many favorite singers—Mabel Haas, Fanny Hall, Flora Curtis, Bebe Vining, Fanny McIntyre, Ed. Stanley, W. H. Ford, W. H. Newborough, and Mr. A. W. F. MacCollin, the best known singing comedian on the stage. Popular prices for the night performances—25, 50 and 75 cents. Matinee prices—25, 50 and 75 cents.

Y. M. C. A.

The annual election of officers for the coming year will be held at the rooms Tuesday evening, March 20th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. The officers to be elected are president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer and executive board. A full attendance is desired. By order

J. W. GIBSON, Pres't.

I. N. MARTIN, Jr., Rec. Sec.

County Matters.

J. R. Gorn, to-day filed application for appointment as administrator of the estate of Dr. W. H. Mitchell, deceased.

Dr. J. G. Harvey, of Blue Mound, filed his application for administrator in the estate of Lydia Green, deceased.

John Powers, of Ireland, and John Tschmidt, of Switzerland, made declarations to-day that they desired to become naturalized citizens of the United States.

THERE are 141 veterans of the late civil war in the House of Representatives at Washington, 38 of whom were Confederate soldiers. The seven members from Mississippi all fought in the Confederate army, and they are matched by the seven members from "Bleeding Kansas," all of whom served their time in the Union army.

STIFF hats at Austin's. Latest shapes and for less money than ever before known. South room Gallagher Block.

19d-w

The Opera Matinee.

The finest matinee of the season will be given at the opera house on Saturday afternoon at 2:30, on which occasion the celebrated MacCollin Opera Company, numbering 38 people, grand choruses and orchestra, will give Minkler's charming opera, "The Beggar Student." The prices for the matinee will be only 25, 50 and 75 cents. Seats can be secured at Prescott's Music Store.

19-32d

New Agricultural Firm.

Ellis & Shively will open an agricultural store in the building now occupied by Peter Perl, the undertaker, on South Main street, April 1st, where they will sell the Advance Thrasher and Engine, the Dinkel & Huddleston Grain Reapers, Buckeye Baler and Mower, etc. Mr. L. C. Ellis has had a large experience in the sale of agricultural implements, having been in the employ of Durfee Bros. for eight years, and is familiar with the best machines on the market. This firm in offering the machines named above felt warranted in saying that they are superior to any on the market. They respectfully invite the farmers of this section to give them a call. mar19-31-w2

The Star Course Concert.

Peter Perl is making a large open front to Music Hall that will readily admit the large crowd to hear the Star Concert next Friday evening. The hall will be in good condition, and the concert will be the musical event of the season.

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Opening of the regular term of the Decatur Masonic College on Monday, April 2.

Corner Main and William sts. 19d-w

Band Concert Tuesday Night.

The public will be gratified to learn that Goodman's Band, which has brought fame to Decatur as the best musical organization of its size in the country, will give another grand concert with change of programme, at the opera house on Tuesday evening, March 20. The Band numbers 20 clever artists, who have been instructed and directed the past 12 months by Prof. Robert Walter, who is soon to depart for Germany. The Band desires to settle with him and also to raise money to pay other indebtedness. The concert will afford the admirers of the organization and all others who love music to contribute to the object named, and at the same time make it possible for the Band to induce Prof. Walter to return. It would be exceedingly difficult to fill his place. The programme will be the finest ever presented by the Band, including "William Tell" and other standard overtures; also "T. Troms" standard overtures. The hall should be crowded Tuesday night. Turn out in force, and testify your personal appreciation in a substantial way the local Band which you love to please so frequently. Admission 35 and 25 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Prescott's.

14-31d

The great strike on the C. B. & Q. has not prevented Sorgen & Son, 243 North Main street, from doing the best tin roofing. See them.

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DIED.

On March 18, of lung fever, at 1129 East Ninth street, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. White, aged 11 weeks.

The burial took place this afternoon.

On March 18, of pneumonia, Mrs. George Wilson, aged 52 years.

The interment will take place in the Mankard graveyard, 10 miles east of Decatur, on Tuesday.

Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

Wheat—73 1/2 Mar; 74 April; 75 1/2 May; 76 1/2 June; 77 1/2 July; 78 1/2 Aug; 79 1/2 Sept; 80 1/2 Oct; 81 1/2 Nov; 82 1/2 Dec; 83 1/2 Jan; 84 1/2 Feb; 85 1/2 Mar

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At 2 p. m., on the premises, without limit or reserve, the block of ground located at the corner of West Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait as a residence. It will be subdivided into 8 lots, four fronting on West Wood street and four on West Main street, with a frontage of 50 feet each.

If you want the best residence lots in the city wait until March 22, and make your own price and terms. Parties purchasing can make terms of payment to suit themselves, or in ten annual installments, conditions that they improve this season. 10 per cent. of the purchase money will be required to be paid on day of sale, same to be returned when improvements are made. Those who purchase not intending to improve this season, 10 per cent. on day of sale and 15 per cent. in 30 days.

Home of 8 rooms, in good condition, on one of the West Main street lots, will be opened for inspection three days immediately before sale, or at any other time by getting special order from us.

JESSE LEFORAGE & SONS.

SUSPENSE.
Pyrrhus listen while I tell thee
Of a maiden dear;
Sometimes with a smile she greets me,
Sometimes with a tear.
But I know not if she loves me,
I can only guess;
Sometimes she looks "no" in silence,
Then again looks "yes."
When she smiles with winning sweetness,
Showing teeth like pearls,
Clasp I her in fond caresses,
Sweetest girl of girls.
But alas! this soon is over,
Clouds obscure the sky,
And the tearful drops that glisten
Tell of showers nigh.
Thus this smiling little maiden
Keeps me in suspense,
Lures me on with smiles and kisses,
Then she turns me hence.
But she can not say she loves me
Not for unkind words;
For the maiden that I love is
Only one year old
—Louise Phillips, Daughters of America

JAMES OTIS.

The Story of One of the Boy Heroes of '76.

It was the year of our Lord 1776. All England was ringing with reports of her rebellious colonial offspring; the incontinent republic was in a state of ferment and of preparation for war. The first American gunboats had just been launched and proudly sailed about the New England coast, which British cruisers kept in constant alarm.

On the deck of one of these cruisers, as leaving Newport it moved through the blue ocean waters toward about a burly, middle-aged man in captain's uniform and a slight young fellow of perhaps twenty.

"Well, my little man! So we have caught you again," said the Captain, clapping him on the shoulder.

"As you've run away twice before, perhaps you think to give us the slip a third time, but," with a volley of oaths, "you never were more mistaken. Sweat to show allegiance to your right sovereign or—die for a traitor!"

The eyes which looked back at him were as unfilching as the Captain's own. For generations the Otis courage had held its name even in deadly peril, and this relative and namesake of James Otis, the eloquent pleader for independence, could meet his end as behaved one of his race.

"I am an independent citizen of Connecticut, and owe no allegiance to a tyrant," he said proudly.

"The Captain burst into a laugh, in which his men joined.

"This scion of liberty crows loud—small good will be such flouting, though, for in six months all these independent citizens will be creeping back to Mother England's knees like so many whipped children."

The youthful laugh had brought a flush to the youth's face, and now he said with heat:

"More probably Mother England will discover that her children have come of age beyond dispute, and will go home with the whipping reversed."

"Come, come, enough of parody. You shall swing from yonder yardarm in fifteen minutes, my young beggar, if you will not fight under our colors. Will you fight with us? Yes or no?"

There was no reticence in the captain's voice, no touch of pity on all the stars staring faces. Death or life! Ah, small wonder if in such a stress brave hearts shrunk, and yielding to the fear of doom are branded by those who have never met like trials as cowards and traitors!

"Speak!" the captain commanded. And the prisoner answered firmly:

"No."

The captain's face grew dark with wrath at this striking refusal. He began a measured stride up and down the deck, watching as they executed his bidding.

"Ha! ha! It's a ship noose, you know," cried a third. "But, by good George, I wish all the colonists in as sure a place."

The men aloft came down to the deck. The captain moved toward the prisoner. Even then one word could remove the death menace of that swaying cord. Would that word be spoken? The captain's hand dropped heavily down upon the prisoner's shoulder.

But with his grip "Time's up. Go forward there!" a cry of "Ship ahead!" came also. And bearing down upon them shrouded an enemy with guns grimly threatening.

"To the guns, men. Not a moment to be lost," swore the captain. And in the hurried preparation for immediate action the prisoner was forgotten.

"Boom! boom!" challenged the brave little American, who could show only half the guns of her adversary. "Boom! boom!" answered the English cruiser.

Spars began to fall and men drop wounded as the iron mouths below the stary flag kept up a telling fire, but the heavier guns would soon disable "that Yankee doodle canoe," as the Captain averred with a string of blighting adjectives.

A daring project flashed into the mind of James Otis. At least he would once more serve his country, and die doing it, rather than swing from a British yard-arm! None noticed as he slipped to the gangway, and presently in the dimness of the hold a flash of blue light revealed a slender snake-like thing reaching to the stars of powder—then the flash was gone and the tiny spark of fire crept along the coil.

Unconscious of rapidly approaching doom the sturdy English seaman hurried defiance at his foe. One of the men, as he ran for more powder to the rear, set capably saw a dark object moving through the water away from the cannoning cruiser.

Hark! above the din of battle sounded an awful boom which seemed to rock the ocean's depths and away the very air. Spars and hull fell splintered about the swimmer; shattered bodies shocked his sight; one of the massive cannons sank before him with a hiss as the hot iron cleft the water. And in place of the instant death to which he had looked forward upon the great ship's explosion, life was still his—he moved unhurt, preserved as by a miracle.

It was several moments before he could trust himself to look behind—the horror of it all was so strong upon him. When he did look the surprised American ship was moving away, unconscious that one whose hand had destroyed their enemy was still in existence; and where the ill-fated cruiser had been only a few shimmering substances floated upon the shimmering water.

Two miles before him rose the shore. He was a good swimmer, and the distance rapidly lessened. But the late strain on his nerves had been so tense that as he swam the sun seemed glaring into his brain, and each stroke seemed to take a heart beat from his strength. But there was only a half-mile between him and the shore—now slowly he swam. The place of weakness before his eyes made sky and water seem a brazen hue. Could he hold out?

But here was the shore crowded with people who had anxiously watched the battle between the two ships, wondering shiveringly all in a moment, and the stately emblem of their country flutter safely away. Now all eyes were on the swimmer, there were surprised cries, questioning shouts. Further up the shore row-boats were already pushing off to go to his aid, but before they could reach him the men nearest him rushed breast deep into the water, many hands were stretched to help him, and with all things reeling before his exhausted vision, James Otis was held in safe and kindly grasp.

When speech returned to him, he was lying on the grassy bank, the glad sunshine falling on his face, the blue water lapping at his feet, all about him anxious questionings from an excited crowd. He told his story in the fewest possible words, but the telling brought tears from the women, exclamations from the men, and when he had finished cheer after cheer rang out for the deed and the hero of the deed.

"Why is it that attendants in telephone offices are all women?" Mrs. Brown asked her husband. "Well," answered Mr. Brown, "the managers of the telephone offices were aware that no class of attendants work so faithfully as those who are in love with their labor; and they knew that women would be fond of the work in telephone offices!" "What is the work in a telephone office?" "Talking," answered Mr. Brown; and the conversation came to an end.

"—And so you think you will get married when you grow up to be a young lady, Flossie?" said the caller. "Oh, I haven't a doubt of it," assented Flossie. "Everybody says I am very much like my mamma, and she, you know, has been married three times."

"—N. Y. Sun.

A mountain lion trotting along between the high banks of snow on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad in Colorado recently was overtaken and thrown high into the air. The animal landed on its feet and ran quickly away, apparently uninjured.

—Holmes, M. T., claims to have the richest men in the West. A list published of capitalists who can draw checks aggregating over \$25,000,000.

Decatur Made Cigars.
The cigar-makers of Decatur wish to call the attention of the public to a few facts in regard to the cigars that are consumed in this city: Four out of every five cigars that are consumed here are manufactured either in the Tennessee houses of New York or the cheap districts of Pennsylvania. We ask the "smoking" public when they wish to buy a cigar of any quality, to look for the Blue Label, and see that the Blue Label is attached to the box. If all cigars that are consumed here were manufactured here, the revenue roll of the cigar-makers would amount to between twelve hundred and fifteen hundred dollars a week, whereas it is less than three hundred dollars. The New York Star, under the caption of "The Cigars of Death," published the following: "The Tennessee house inspectors, now making their rounds, have found nothing in any quarter of New York more dangerous to public health, family virtue, and common decency, than the huge tenement house cigar factories which have frequently, during the past three years, been forced upon the notice of the Board of Health; but, which, for some reasons, through some means, are still allowed to exist." To protect yourself from being imposed upon, ask for a Decatur-made cigar, and see that the Blue Label is attached to the box. It guarantees a clean article.

CIGAR MAKERS' UNION No. 20.
Governor GRANGER has appointed May 5 as Arbor Day in North Dakota.

Buckian's Arnica Salve.
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"Will the coming men use both arms?" asked a sailor. "He will if he carries a boarding-house duck."

The best ointment on earth is said to be of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. This ointment is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or your money refunded. Price, 25 cents. Sold by Dr. A. J. Stoner.

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